

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/646,441  
Applicants : Torres, et al.  
Filed : August 24, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 2841  
Examiner : Nguyen, Hung Thanh

Confirmation No. 9724

Docket No. : 305OE003  
Customer No. : not applicable

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

Applicants have listed publication dates, when possible, on the attached Form PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not

exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

A copy of document AO is enclosed. However, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), copies of the U.S. patents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.

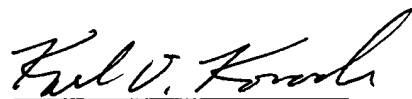
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

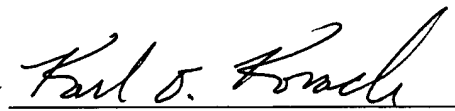
The U.S. patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1413.

Respectfully submitted,

Date of Deposit: October 11, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper and/or fee is being deposited  
with the United States Postal Service via  
First Class service on the date indicated above and is addressed to:  
Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents,  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



By   
Karl D. Kovach  
Reg. No.: 40,278  
Stratos International, Inc.  
Attorney for Applicants  
7444 West Wilson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60706  
(708) 867-9600



<b>Form PTO-1449 (modified)</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>Atty. Docket No.</b>  <b>305OE003</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>  <b>10/646,441</b>
	<b>Applicant: Torres, et al.</b>	
	<b>Filing: August 24, 2003</b>	<b>Group 2841</b>

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	4,273,413	06/16/81	Bendiksen, et al.	350	96.20	
	AB	5,515,468	05/07/96	DeAndrea, et al.	385	88	
	AC	5,767,999	06/16/98	Kayner	359	163	
	AD	5,879,173	03/09/99	Poplawski, et al.	438	138	
	AE	6,293,710	09/25/01	Lampert, et al.	385	78	
	AF	6,335,869	01/01/02	Branch, et al.	361	816	
	AG	6,447,170	09/3/10/02	Takahashi, et al.	385	53	
	AH	6,532,155	03/11/03	Green, et al.	361	733	
	AI	6,744,963	06/01/04	Hwang	385	139	
	AJ	6,786,653	09/07/04	Hwang, et al.	385	92	
	AK	6,872,094	03/29/05	Murr, et al.	439	607	
	AL	6,884,097	04/26/05	Ice	439	160	
	AM	6,890,206	05/10/05	Distad, et al.	439	372	
	AN	6,916,196	07/12/05	Long, et al.	439	352	

**OTHER ART (Including Publisher, Author (if any), Title, Pertinent Pages, Date & Place of publication)**

	AO	Miranda Technologies, Inc., Product Brochure, 3 pages thereof, date unknown
<b>EXAMINER</b>		<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>
<small>*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</small>		